

REMARKS

The application has been reviewed in light of the Office Action dated October 20, 2004. Claims 1-3, 5-7, 9-11, 13-16, and 18-20 have been rejected. Claims 1- 20 are pending in the application.

Applicant wishes to thank the Examiner for indicating that claim 4, 8, 12, and 17 would be allowable if rewritten in independent from including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. In response, base claims 1, 5, 9, and 13 have been amended to include the allowable features. Further, base claim 18 has been amended to incorporate the features cited in dependent claim 20 and 17, which the Examiner has indicated to be allowable feature.

Therefore, in view of the above amendment, the applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner withdraw the above stated rejection of the claims.

Accordingly, for at least this reason, Applicants submit that all pending claims are allowable over VanHoudt. The other claims in this application are each dependent from the independent claim discussed above and are therefore believed patentable for the same reasons. Since each dependent claim is also deemed to define an additional aspect of the invention, however, the individual consideration of the patentability of each on its own merits is respectfully requested.

AMENDMENT
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In light of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that the present application is in condition for allowance, and a notice to that effect is respectfully solicited. If any issues remain which may best be resolved through a telephone communication, the Examiner is requested to kindly telephone the undersigned. If there are any fees due and owing, please charge Deposit Account No. 502-470.

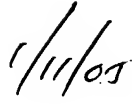
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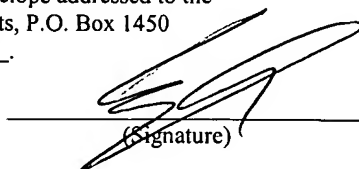
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